

*[English]***Rural Electrification Corporation**

726. SHRI ILIYAS AZMI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Energy Network Scheme of Rural Electrification Corporation meant for Uttar Pradesh has been discontinued;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether any special grant/scheme has been introduced by the Government to undertake electrification programme in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) To improve the quality of life of rural families below the poverty line, including Harijan and Adivasi families, the Government of India launched a programme in 1988-89 for extending single point electrical connections to the households of such poor families. Under this programme, one time initial cost of internal wiring and service connection charges upto a certain maximum limit (Rs.800 for unmetered connection and Rs.1,000 for meter connection during 1996-97) is provided by way of grant to the State Government/State Electricity Boards through Rural Electrification Corporation. Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board has provided 2,00,112 connections availing a grant of Rs.4.26 crores upto 31.3.1996. During 1996-97, a target of 1500 connections with a grant component of Rs.12 lakhs has been set.

*[Translation]***Potable Water**

727. SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI: Will the MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Uttar Pradesh where facility of potable water is not available, district-wise; and

(b) the measures being taken to make available potable water in these villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The number of Not Covered (NC) habitations as on 1.4.1996 as reported by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh is given in the Statement enclosed.

(b) The Central Government provide Central assistance to all the State Governments/UTs, including Government of Uttar Pradesh under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme to establish drinking water system in the rural areas.

All the Not Covered/Partially Covered habitations are being provided with potable drinking water under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme, the Minimum Needs Programme and the Basic Minimum Services, etc.

**Statement**

*Status of Rural Water (based on 1991 Population) as per Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission on 1.4.1996*

Name	No. of Not covered habitations
1	2
Saharanpur	27
Hardwar	45
Muzzaffarnagar	8
Meerut	20
Ghaziabad	11
Bulandshahr	1
Aligarh	49
Mathura	43
Agra	218
Frozabad	18
Etah	165
Mainpuri	8
Bijnore	103
Moradabad	154
Rampur	33
Badaun	109
Bareilly	112
Pilibhit	0
Shahjahanpur	12
Kheeri	6
Sitapur	1533
Hardoi	670
Unnao	463
Lucknow	78
Rae Bareilly	879
Farrukhabad	135
Etawah	26
Kanpur Dehat	502
Kanpur Nagar	0
Jalaun	8
Jhansi	13
Lalitpur	9
Hamirpur	8
Mahoba	3
Banda	617
Bahraich	324
Gonda	2200
Barabanki	1193
Faizabad	7
Ambedkar Nagar	25